(a) A nominee of the President of the Institute

(b) A nominee of the State Government/Central Government

(c) A nominee of the Chairman, UGC

Provided further that if the President does not approve of any of these persons so recommended he shall call for a fresh panel.

The Vice-Chancellor shall hold office for a term of 5 years. He shall not be eligible for reappointment:

Provided that notwithstanding the expiry of the said period of 5 years, he can continue in office till his successor is appointed and assumes office, but not beyond six months:

Provided further that a person appointed as Vice-Chancellor shall retire from office during the tenure of his office or extension, thereof, if any, when he completes the age of 65 years.

Harassment of SCs and OBCs in KVS

†3185. SHRI GHANSHYAM CHANDRA KHARWAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of complaints of harassment of Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes in the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sansthan have increased during the last five years;

(b) whether it is also a fact that officials and principals, against whom such complaints are received, are protected in the inquiries; if so, whether complaints of favouritism have been received against them also;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what corrective and remedial steps have been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) to (d) All complaints received from the employees of KVS are inquired into promptly irrespective of the category to which the complainants belong. KVS is not maintaining the category-wise data in regard to the complaints received from employees of KVS. However, the number of grievances received from SC/ST employees reported by the National Commissions

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of SC/ST during the last five years have ranged between 10 to 20 and this number is very small compared to the total staff strength.

Honorarium to Anganwadi workers

3186. SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have announced that honorarium of Anganwadi workers and helpers would be doubled; and

(b) if so, by when this announcement is going to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) and (b) It has been agreed in principle to almost double the amount of honorarium to be paid to the Anganwadi workers and helpers. Formal approval of the competent authority is being obtained.

Task Force for students' problems

†3187. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to constitute a Task Force to slove the problems of students;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when, a final decision in this regard is expected to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) to (c) Government accords top priority for solving the problems of the students at various levels of education. As and when need is felt, Government constitutes Committees/Task Force on different aspects of education, to elicit opinion and to receive recommendations for taking further necessary action.

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